

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-0409**  
**Thomas Teasley House**  
**1100 Sparks Road**  
**Sparks, Baltimore County**  
**1860 ca.**  
**Private**

The Thomas Teasley House, constructed circa 1860, dates to a mid- to late 19th century period of settlement in the Eighth District village of Sparks. As early as 1850, the village of Sparks and the road that connected it to Philopolis, were non-existent. The land that later became the community, lying east of the Gunpowder Falls, was traversed only by a few farms. By 1877, Sparks Road had been constructed from York Road in Philopolis to its terminus at Carroll Road. The village formed around the Sparks station along the Northern Central Railroad, and included only a school and a few dwellings along Sparks Road. By 1915, a post office was established in the village. At that time, the dwelling at 1100 Sparks Road was occupied by Thomas Teasley. In 1915, G. Jenkins resided on the property. By the mid-20th century, the village of Sparks had declined. The area has come to encompass the neighboring community of Philopolis.

The Thomas Teasley House is a two-and-a-half-story Second Empire style dwelling that fronts east at the crest of a hill on the north side of Sparks Road. The wood frame house, which is clad in German siding features a square footprint, solid random rubble stone foundation, and asphalt-shingled mansard roof. A one-story wing with a flat roof projects to the north. A bracketed frieze and molded cornice span the perimeter of the building. Only one central interior stretcher bond brick chimney with a corbeled cap was visible at the time of the survey. Circa 1990, a one-story, full-width façade porch was enclosed with German siding and one-light fixed vinyl windows. Within the porch, a transom and sidelights surround the central entry. The type of door and glazing pattern were not fully visible at the time of the exterior survey. Four 2/6 windows flank the entry. Four 4/4 windows flank two paired 4/4 windows on the central bay of the second story. All façade openings have molded wood surrounds. Three dormers project from the mansard roof. The central dormer has a round-arched roofline with a molded pediment and consoles and two paired 2/2 windows. The outer two dormers, each of which contains a single 2/2 window, are gabled. Four historic dependencies, including a circa 1860 barn, ice house, smokehouse, and wagon shed, are associated with the dwelling. A circa 1990 animal shelter is also located on the property.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0409

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Teasley House (preferred)

other Schomann House

### 2. Location

street and number 1100 Sparks Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marc Seldin Rosen

street and number 1100 Sparks Road telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 1432 folio 576

city, town Towson tax map 34 tax parcel 56 tax ID number 0819007201

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1860, the Thomas Teasley House is a two-and-a-half-story Second Empire style dwelling that fronts east at the crest of a hill on the north side of Sparks Road. The wood frame house, which is clad in German siding features a square footprint, solid random rubble stone foundation, and asphalt-shingled mansard roof. A one-story wing with a flat roof projects to the north. A bracketed frieze and molded cornice span the perimeter of the building. Only one central interior stretcher bond brick chimney with a corbeled cap was visible at the time of the survey. Circa 1990, a one-story, full-width façade porch was enclosed with German siding and one-light fixed vinyl windows. Within the porch, a transom and sidelights surround the central entry. The type of door and glazing pattern were not fully visible at the time of the exterior survey. Four 2/6 windows flank the entry. Four 4/4 windows flank two paired 4/4 windows on the central bay of the second story. All façade openings have molded wood surrounds. Three dormers project from the mansard roof. The central dormer has a round-arched roofline with a molded pediment and consoles and two paired 2/2 windows. The outer two dormers, each of which contains a single 2/2 window, are gabled.

Four historic dependencies are associated with the dwelling. Dating to circa 1860, the wood frame barn is clad in board-and-batten siding and features a solid random rubble stone foundation and a side gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The façade of the two-story structure is pierced by three double-leaf doors and two single-leaf doors.

The circa 1860 ice house is a one-story wood frame building clad in flush vertical board siding with a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The façade of the building, which sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation, is pierced by one flush-vertical-board single-leaf door.

The smokehouse, which dates to circa 1860, is a wood frame building clad in German siding with a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. A paneled single-leaf door below a rounded ventilator in the gable peak pierces the façade.

The wood frame wagon shed is clad in board-and-batten siding with a solid random rubble stone foundation and a side gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. A single-leaf door opening and two eight-light casement windows pierce the one-story structure, which dates to circa 1860.

A circa 1990 animal shelter is also located on the property. The one-story building features a wood frame structural system clad in board-and-batten siding and a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The side of the structure is open.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1860 ca.-present	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1860 ca., 1990 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Thomas Teasley House, constructed circa 1860 in the Second Empire style of architecture, dates to a mid-to late 19<sup>th</sup> century period of settlement in the Eighth District village of Sparks. As early as 1850, the village of Sparks and the road that connected it to Philopolis, were non-existent. The land that later became the community, lying east of the Gunpowder Falls, was traversed only by a few farms.<sup>1</sup> By 1877, Sparks Road had been constructed from York Road in Philopolis to its terminus at Carroll Road. The village formed around the Sparks station along the Northern Central Railroad, and included only a school and a few dwellings along Sparks Road.<sup>2</sup> By 1915, a post office was established in the village. At that time, the dwelling at 1100 Sparks Road was occupied by Thomas Teasley.<sup>3</sup> In 1915, G. Jenkins resided on the property.<sup>4</sup> By the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the village of Sparks had declined. The area has come to encompass the neighboring community of Philopolis.

The Second Empire style, distinguished by its Mansard roof, originated in France during the reign of Napoleon III and was popular in the United States primarily from 1860 until 1880. The style typically makes use of decorative eave and porch brackets, molded cornices, window surrounds and door casements, and shaped dormers.<sup>5</sup> The Mansard roof with shaped dormers are the features of the Thomas Teasley House that tie the dwelling to the Second Empire style.

<sup>1</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>4</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>5</sup> Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 1994), p. 148; see also Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985), pp. 241-242.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	One Acre	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown	
Quadrangle name	Hereford	Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1860, the Thomas Teasley House has been associated with the 11.50 acres of land known as tax parcel 56 of map 34 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

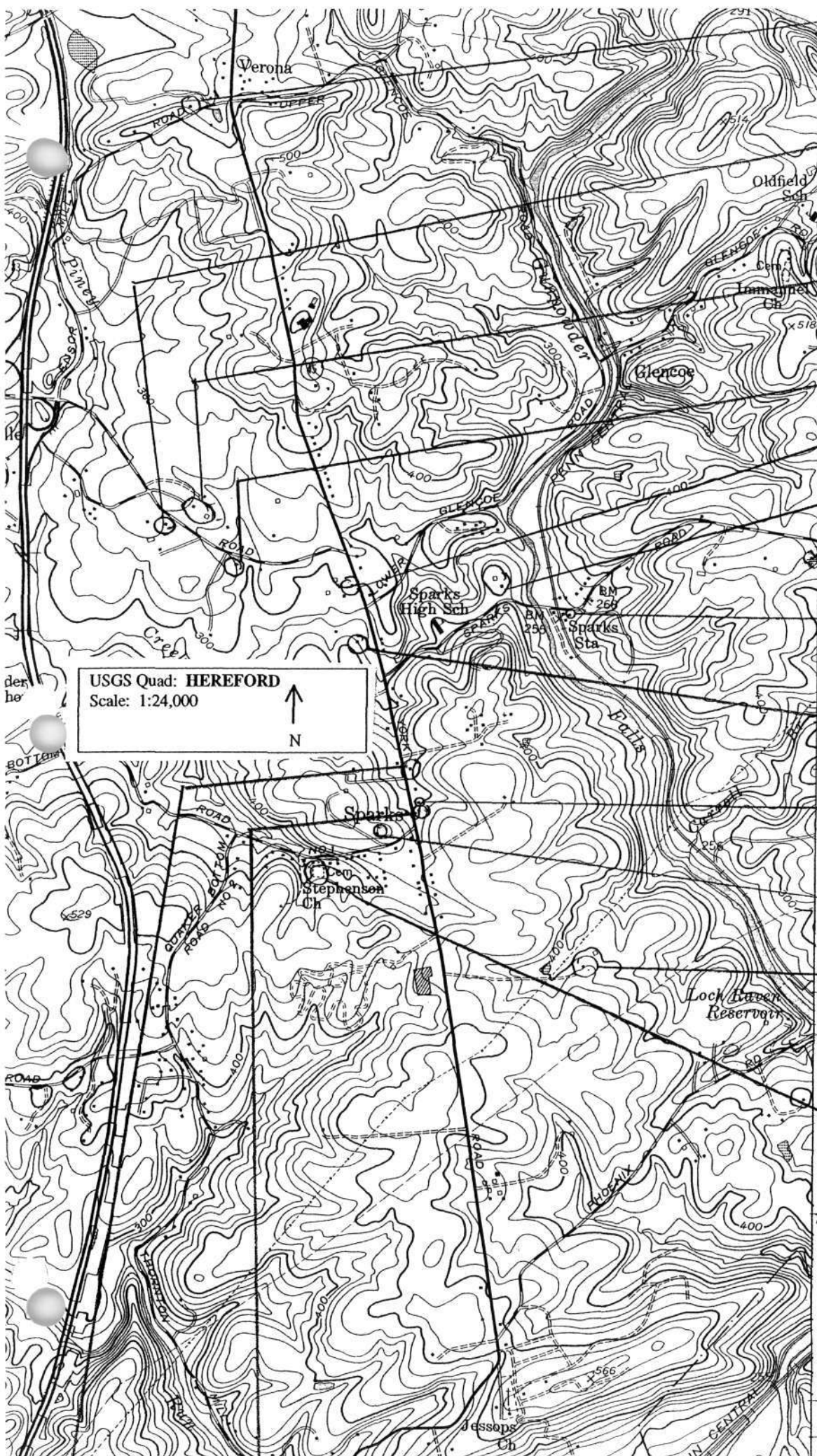
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organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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**SCHOMANN HOUSE** - 1850-1875 - North side of Sparks Road, 0.1 mile west of Gunpowder Falls bridge. The Thomas Teasley house of 1877 atlas. Large Victorian frame house with three stories including the Mansard roof level. Bracketing under eaves. Covered with aluminum siding. Excellent condition. Shown in 1898 and 1915 atlases as G. Jenkins house. Set on a hill. Owner: Charles F. Schomann, Jr.